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SUBJECT: NEW FRENCH CONSUL GENERAL FOR SAIGON

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1. QUAI HAS INFORMED US THAT CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS VIEW (PARA 2 REFTEL) NEW FRENCH CONSUL GENERAL FOR SAIGON, JACQUES MASSENET, RECEIVED HIS PRG VISA HERE IN PARIS, NOT HANOI. THE FRENCH NOTED IN MASSENET'S PASSPORT THAT HE WAS CONSUL GENERAL, AND THE PRG GAVE HIM A DIPLOMATIC VISA. HOWEVER, THE QUAI OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE STATUS OF THE FRENCH REMNANT MISSION IN SAIGON WOULD REMAIN AS BEFORE, NO FORMAL CHANGE OF STATUS TO CONSULATE GENERAL WOULD TAKE PLACE UNTIL REUNIFICATION TOOK PLACE. MASSENET WILL TAKE ONE OF THE SPECIAL FLIGHTS DIRECTLY TO SAIGON WITHOUT PASSING THROUGH HANOI.

2. MASSENET WAS BORN IN 1921 AND HAS THE RANK OF COUNSELLOR SECOND CLASS. HE HAS SERVED OFTEN IN THE FAR EAST: SHANGHAI, BANGKOK (ONCE AT EMBASSY, ONCE AT ECAFE), RANGOON, AND PHNOM PENH. HIS MOST RECENT POST HAS BEEN IN THE UN AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION OF THE QUAI. MORE COMPLETE BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW BY POUCH.

3. QUAI SAID IT WAS INCREASINGLY UNLIKELY THAT
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AMBASSADOR TO DRV RICHER WOULD PRESENT CREDENTIALS

IN SAIGON.
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